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At the pavilion of the Hongkong Cricket Club on Monday evening the annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket League took place. Mr T. E. Pearce presided and there was a considerable attendance.

The Chairman said the accounts were very simple, and he had nothing further to say in reference to them. The season had been a very successful one. He would therefore propose the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr Biles seconded, and the report and accounts were adopted.

The following officers were elected:— President, Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson; Vice-President, Mr. W. W. Druce; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A. E. Asger. Mr. Brown undertook to carry on the work until Mr. Asger's return.

Mr. Brown proposed that the management of each club should be allowed to please itself what, and how many fixtures it arranged so long as it arranged and played at least every club once, and not more than one club twice.

Mr. Langley seconded.

Mr. Robinson proposed an amendment that the League should carry on as it had done in former years.

Mr. Biles seconded.

The original motion was agreed to.

It was agreed that a League XI. should play two test matches against the Hongkong Cricket Club during the season. Dates will be fixed later.

The letter as to forming a second division of the League is to be considered at a special meeting of the junior clubs to be called in October.

The time of starting league matches was fixed for 2.15 p.m. and entries are to close on September 25th.

The meeting to arrange fixtures will be held on 27th instant.

MARRIAGE OF MISS OLIVE DIXON.

At St. Paul's Church, Carlisle, on Aug. 10, the marriage took place of Mr. Gerald Bruce St. Pierre Danbury, 13th Rajput, the Sheikawati Regt. (Indian Army), eldest son of Major and Mrs. St. Pierre Danbury, of Bedford, and Miss Olive Dixon, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Dixon, of Blackwell Lodge, near Carlisle. The bride, who is a sister of Mr. P. Sydney Dixon, solicitor, of Hongkong, will be remembered as having been associated with the concert platform in the Colony. The Rev. W. E. Strickland, vicar of the parish, and Canon A. G. Loftis, rector of Withnall, Cumberland, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory lace, and a long train of white tulle. The gift of her grandmother, the bridegroom and his best man, Capt. Brian L. Cole, 13th Rajput, were in full uniform. Miss Marjorie Denbury (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Marjorie Graham Hodgson, the Misses Vivian and Vera Dixon (cousins of the bride), the Misses Dorothy and Gene Denham, Miss Molly Ramsay (cousins of the bridegroom), and Miss C. Wheeler—who wore simple picture dresses of cream, cope de soie, with large Leghorn hats trimmed with pink roses and green foliage, while they carried bouquets of La France roses and maidenhair fern, and wore enamel and silver pendants, the gift of the bridegroom. The wedding party afterwards returned to Blackwell Lodge, and the honeymoon was spent in Scotland.

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Thursday, September 23—

6.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong St.

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Saturday, September 25—

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cot-

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WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE.

THE newspapers of America are never

long without some debatable topic,

quite apart from politics, municipal

reform, or Trust scandal, to toes to and

fro. Just recently it was a horticultural

subject which let loose a torrential river

of words, assertions, counter-assertions,

avowals and disclaimers. It seems that

among the many hybrids which Mr.

Lotus Bunnick, of California, has suc-

ceeded in endowing the world is a berry

which has been called the wonderberry,

or sunberry, and it has been described

as an edible combination of two wild

plants of the nightshade family, both of

which yield only poisonous fruit.

Now the little dispute to which we are

alluding began by a paper devoted to

horticulture quoting the following en-

thusiastic paragraph concerning the berry

from a nurseryman's catalogue. It ran:

"Its influence in an economic sense

on the human race will be far-reaching,

for it is entirely novel and a distinct

and valuable article of food which any

one to Mr. Lotus Bunnick for some further details concerning the pedigree of the wonderberry plant, and received the following reply:—This absolutely new species of berry plant is of great scientific interest, having been produced by the combination of two very distinct wild species, *Solanum guineense* of West Africa and *Solanum villosum* of the West Coast of America. Neither of these wild species bears edible berries, but this new species bears the most delicious, wholesome, and healthful berries in the utmost profusion, and always comes as exactly true from seed as any species produced by nature."

Meanwhile that typically English Magazine, *The Gardener's Chronicle*, had become interested in the subject and after carefully examining photographs of the wonderberry plant, announced that it was practically the same thing as the black nightshade, a plant whose poisonous qualities are all too well-known. This expression of opinion on the part of so eminent an authority determined the *Rural New Yorker* to buy some wonderberry seeds, cultivate, and when the plant had come up and duly produced seeds, our contemporary ranged itself with its English confrere and asserted that the plant possessed all the characteristics of the nightshade. It also communicated again with Mr. Bunnick, drawing from him the following letter:—

"Having no personal or financial interest in the sunberry, or 'wonder berry,' as it has been rechristened by its purchaser and introducer, I would refer you to my own statement of the origin of the sunberry. As to its absolutely unique character, you perhaps can be further informed by those who know it a little better than you do. Perhaps, also you may obtain some further information, which you evidently need, from some of those who have seen the plants growing on a large scale during the past three years, and who have eaten the fruit fresh, and in all other ways in which the *Vaccinium pennsylvanicum* is used; but the verdict of the people is the one which stands. That verdict is final, and the editor of *The Rural New Yorker* will be obliged to accept it. Fortunately, the sunberry, like corn and cucumbers, can be tested in a single season, while the value of fruit-trees can be obtained only by long and extensive trials."

Thus urged on the *Rural New Yorker* referred to other authorities, and Dr. N. L. Barrois, of the New York Botanical Garden, wrote to the editor in answer to his enquiries:—"Of course, it is a *Solanum*, of the affinity of *Solanum nigrum*, the black nightshade or garden nightshade, which runs into a very great number of races in nature, a good many of which have been regarded as species by different botanical authors. *Solanum villosum* is one of the best marked of these races, and may, perhaps, be better regarded as a species than as a race or variety."

Dr. Charles F. Wheeler, of the United States Department of Agriculture, writing on the same subject said:—"In regard to the question of the identity of the so-called wonderberry, said to have been produced or originated by Mr. Bunnick... I can say that I have carefully examined the plants growing here and can not separate them from the plant named by Lotus *Solanum nigrum* (black nightshade)."

Prof. L. O. Conner, of the Government Testing Gardens at Arlington, gave it as his opinion that the wonderberry is identical with a plant that has been known and sold for years as the "garden blackberry"; and Mr. E. C. Matthews, who has grown the new "Bunnick" berry in Mexico, stated his belief that it is simply the black nightshade and nothing else. Entirely by the way, *The Rural New Yorker* did not mention that "the berries grown on its own specimen," have been sampled by a dozen people, and that "only two would swallow after tasting," while "no one wanted a second dose." The Editor on the strength of the foregoing testimony, now firmly maintains that the evidence has produced places him far ahead in the running for Mr. Bunnick's lot of \$10,000 if the plant proves to be different to his own. But when doctors disagree, who shall decide? There seems to be strong evidence on both sides. As it is easy to grow the "wonderberry" and to decide

whether the fruit is one or not, good that part of the problem ought to be settled in a season or two, though we hope the experiment will not entail too serious consequences for the human experimenters. Meanwhile, as the *Literary Digest* suggests, the explorer of the "wonderberry" ought to reap a golden harvest.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

At the Naval Yard on Monday evening Mrs. Lyon, wife of Commodore Lyon, switched on the electric light, thus inaugurating the opening of the new installation.

Mr. Gibson, Forest Officer of Siam Hills, has been shot by a dismissed subordinate. Mr. Gibson was seriously wounded, but is still alive, says a Calcutta wire of August 29.

An alarm of fire at a children's cinematograph entertainment at Southsea, on August 14, caused a stampede, which resulted in one child being killed and eight others being injured.

The silk per R. M. S. Empress of Japan, which left Hongkong on the 14th August and Yokohama on the 23rd August, arrived in New York on Sunday, the 13th September, thus making a transit of 29 days from Hongkong and 19 days from Yokohama.

A large number of mourners attended the last rites of the late Mr. Carl Koch at Happy Valley on Monday evening, amongst them being Messrs. S. Swart, G. Engel, A. Koehn, H. Boylston, Houser, C. G. Gok, J. C. K. Kitchman, J. Bismarck. The floral tributes were very numerous.

The Admiralty announce that an Inspector of Boilermakers is required for service at Hongkong Yard, and the Superintendents of the various Home Dockyards have been requested to furnish the names, together with other particulars, of suitable candidates who would be prepared to volunteer for the post.

The application of Mr. W. Winch for a publican's licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors at the Belle View Hotel was granted at the Magistrate's Monday afternoon. Mr. F. A. Hazledar presided and there were also present Messrs. J. R. Wood, F. J. Buley, R. H. A. Craig, G. H. Wakeman and C. D. Melbourne.

The P. and O. Company, recognising that special provision must be made for the junior members of the civil and military communities continually passing and repassing to Eastern and Australian ports, has, says the *L. and C. Express*, placed on the Bombay service two steamers of 7,000 tons each, which will carry one class of passengers only, at second-salon rates.

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We learn that the Imperial Merchant Service Guild "have addressed themselves, in a very emphatic way, to the Foreign Office regarding the diabolical treatment of Mr. W. G. Lawson, M.S.G., Chief Officer of the s.s. Rubi, who, together with Mr. McCormick, Second Engineer, was arrested and treated in a most cruel and degrading way by the American Customs authorities at Manila, the charge—for which there was no foundation whatever—being connected with opium smuggling."

The following are the appointments to the cruiser *Floa* on her re-commissioning for another term of duty with the China Squadron—Lieutenant E. G. Jukes, Hughes (gunnery officer), E. V. Gray, A. J. London, and G. F. Edward Collins (navigation officer), Engineer-Commander C. F. Pondleton, Engineer-Lieutenant C. E. Sutton, Rev. P. Rowlands (chaplain), Staff-Surgeon H. F. Fraser, Surgeon G. T. Verry, Staff-Pyramister F. W. Vining, Sub-Lieutenant G. H. Palmer, Gunners R. J. Sweet and A. C. Stock, Boatman J. E. Blaney, Carpenter H. D. Lillipap.

A correspondent wishes to know why the Government, in endeavouring to raise fresh revenue, does not so adjust the taxes, so that they would fall equally on English, French, Portuguese, German, Chinese, etc., instead of falling unequally on certain sections of the community. Hotel proprietors, and publicans, think our correspondent have enough to do at the present time to make ends meet without having an additional burden placed on their shoulders. Again, if the liquor tax is to replace the lost opium revenues which amount to say one million dollars, why do the Government wish to extort two millions from the liquor trade? This is practically what it amounts to. Our correspondent does not seem to realize that the liquor tax will come out of the pockets of the consumers, not the seller.

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Major H. A. A. Livingstone, C.M.G., R.E., commanding the Field Depot, Royal Eng., at Aldershot, has been selected to succeed Lieut.-Col. H. V. Kane, R.E., as commanding Royal Engineers, Straits Settlements.

Captain W. G. Pittman, of the Chinese Revenue cruiser *Chuen-tai* has been transferred to the command of the R. C. *Lein* and will in future be stationed in Southern waters. Mr. J. Grant, chief engineer of the *Chuen-tai*, is also transferred to the R. C. *Kaipan*, and will be stationed in the South.

Dr. Chadwick Kew, who recently returned from America via England and who was unable to proceed to Shanghai through pressure of work here, is now able to continue his voyage. Dr. Kew, accompanied by his wife, is leaving by the P. and O. s.s. *Delta*. He will relieve Dr. T. Whitely Kew who returns to Hongkong.

Mr. Norman H. D. Cascard, son of Mr. Cascard, Inspector-General of Police in the Straits Settlements, has died of enteric at Singapore. He had been four years in the service of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, two of which he spent in Singapore and his early death is greatly deplored. He was a Volunteer and so the buglers of the Middlesex Regiment sounded the Last Post over his grave.

A PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE.

An action was commenced in the Supreme Court, to-day, before the Chief Justice (Sir P. Pigott) in which Ng Tok Tong, merchant, of 77 Bonham Strand West, was the plaintiff and Wong Cheung Cho, of 36 Bonham Strand West, was the defendant. Plaintiff claimed as executor under the will of Ng Kim Wan, who Ng Kim Wan deceased, to have an account taken of the partnership dealings between the deceased and the defendant in the business of the Xuen Sing Firm, of which business the defendant was managing partner.

A statement filed by plaintiff asserted that Ng Kim Wan was partner in the firm with the defendant and others, unknown to plaintiff, and owned a quarter share of the business. Ng Kim Wan died on Oct. 27th, 1899, but since his death no winding up of the business had taken place. In the 1903 statement of the partnership dealings and of the profit due to the estate of the deceased, was required to the family of the deceased, showing that the sum of \$12,792.74 was due to the estate, consisting of capital subscribed by deceased to the business and share of profit. No portion of that sum had been paid, though repeated applications had been made, and neither had any account been furnished of the partnership dealings of the firm since the year 1903.

Defendant's statement was to the effect that after the death of Ng Kim Wan the business of the firm was carried on by the surviving partners with the consent and knowledge of the family of deceased. Every year an account was taken of the assets and liabilities of the firm, and handed to the family of the deceased and the partners of the firm. The firm ceased to carry on business after February, 1904, but the signboard was retained for the purpose of getting in outstanding debts, and the whole business was carried on with the consent of the partners as it was found impossible to collect the debts due to the firm, which could not meet its liabilities. The original capital, \$40,000, was thus not only lost, but there were liabilities and debts due to the firm amounting to \$12,792.74.

Mr. W. Slade (instructed by Mr. C. E. H. Davis, of the office of Messrs. Wilkinson and Gies) was for plaintiff; Mr. E. Eldon Potter (instructed by Mr. P. M. Hodgson, of the office of Messrs. Evans and Hawton) defended. Mr. Slade contended that the amount of the capital of deceased (\$10,000) was a debt. It was no longer capital. They were faced with the position that the surviving partners in this case continued to operate the firm with a capital of \$30,000—the original capital was \$40,000—and a debt of \$10,000, money actually being used in the business of the firm. The capital of the firm was reduced automatically from \$40,000 to \$30,000, and what one might call a debt of \$10,000, the sum which could be got rid of. He submitted it could only be got rid of by a final settlement, and by no other means. Where a sum of money invested in a firm was declared by Act of Parliament to be a debt, why the family suddenly wanted to withdraw the partnership agreement to be arrived at between the creditor on one side and the debtors on the other to turn that debt into something entirely different. To hold, as his Lordship had done in a former case, that by merely leaving the money there—that was, merely not enforcing the payment of a debt which was due—the deceased or his executor was deemed to have sacrificed his legal rights, was to override by judicial decision the plain words of the Act of Parliament.

Mr. Potter said there was a new partnership carried on after the death of Ng Kim Wan's death until 1904. As early as 1904 one of the sons of deceased was a partner in the business. Certain letters which he (Mr. Potter) could produce were strongest evidence of the fact that after the death the partnership was carried on with the consent of the family of deceased and that one of the sons drew the interest which deceased was entitled to every year. That continued until 1904. Why the family suddenly wanted to withdraw was quite clear. For the first two years the business was making a small profit and they thought it would turn out to be a very good thing. But in 1904 they found things going the other way, and seeing they were likely to lose money they withdrew from the partnership. And now they came to his Lordship and said they were entitled to their capital of \$10,000, notwithstanding the fact that all the capital had been lost. In other words, they said, "We will take you back to the \$10,000 and not a cent more." The partnership was entirely engaged in. One of the partners had remained in the colony and worked up a good little business. Thereupon, after a lapse of nine years, plaintiff now comes forward and says, "We had been trying to get back from him this \$10,000."

His Lordship reserved judgment.

ENGLISH POLITICS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, September 13.
The Liberal League will probably be dissolved.

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AVIATION AT BRESCIA.

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London, Sept. 13.

At the Brescia aviation meeting the American competitor, Mr. Curtiss, won the Grand Prix, 21,300 for covering fifty kilometres in 40 mins 24 secs.

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ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

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London, September 14.

A native woman was fined \$25, at the Magistrate's day, for selling samahu without a license.

A native was fined \$4 by Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistrate's day, for causing an obstruction in Gilman Street with a truck on which were 46 barrels of oil.

The two natives who were remanded at the Magistrate's yesterday for being in possession of 218 tins of opium on a cargo boat were fined \$100 and \$100 respectively, by Mr. J. R. Wood to-day.

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Steamers to Colon	Leave Hongkong	Connecting Steamers from Colon to Marseilles & London	Due Marseilles (Brindisi 3 days earlier)	Due Plymouth (London 1 day later)
Steamer tons	Ip.m. Sat/day	Steamer Tons	Saturday,	Friday,
ARADIA.....7000	Feb. 5	MANITA.....1100	March 8	March 11
ABRAYE.....7500	Feb. 19	CHINA.....800	March 11	March 26
DETA.....8000	March 5	MAJWA.....1400	April 1	April 5
MAEDONIA 10500	March 19	(Colon steamer & collins & Bombay)	April 16	April 22
DRAWNA.....8000	April 5	MONGOLIA.....1000	April 30	May 6
ABRAYE.....7500	April 16	MARMA.....1500	May 14	May 20
DETA.....8000	April 30	MORE.....2100	May 28	June 3
DELHI.....8000	May 14	MOULAN.....1000	June 11	June 18

